



2011 Fireside Lectures

Friday, January 7 * 6:30pm & 8pm

Romeo: Mendenhall's Famous Black Wolf

Juneau's well-known black wolf is the subject of photographer John Hyde's new book *ROMEIO*. Join John as he illustrates his stories with superb photos of Romeo set against the dramatic backdrop of the black wolf's home territory of Mendenhall Glacier and lake. www.wildthingsphotography.com

Friday, January 14 * 6:30 & 8pm

Sailing to the Edge of the World: In the Wake of the First Scientific Journey to Antarctica

Venture through the icy waters of Antarctica with photographer Laurent Dick, who was part of an international sailing expedition to re-enact explorers Roald Amundsen and Dr. Frederick Cook's scientific journey to Antarctica in 1897/98. Laurent will share his stunning images from this epic voyage to the iceberg-riddled waters of Antarctica. www.polar-photo.com

Friday, January 21 * 6:30 & 8pm

The Great Waves: Tsunamis on the Gulf of Alaska and Inner Channels

Travel with National Weather Service Forecaster Joel Curtis around the Gulf of Alaska for a look at tsunamis, past and future. Learn different types of tsunamis, how they form, and how scientists evaluate the threat for tsunamis at specific locations.

Friday, January 28 * 6:30 & 8pm

Alaskan Bears: Coats of Many Colors

Riley Woodford, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, takes us from white black bears to blonde grizzlies, smiling at the irony that bears are named by color. Through fine photography see black bears that are gray, cinnamon red or brown, and brown bears with fur ranging from blonde to almost black.

Friday, February 4 * 6:30pm & 8pm

Princess Kathleen On the Rocks: Wreck and Recovery

During 2010 agencies and contractors removed old fuel oil from the shipwrecked luxury liner *Princess Kathleen* that struck Point Lena in 1952 and sank. Sarah Moore, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, explains the ship's history and how present day workers cleaned up the oil.

Friday, February 11 * 6:30 & 8pm

Revenue Cutter *Wayanda*: Early Exploration of Gastineau Channel

In 1868 U.S. Revenue Cutter *Wayanda* embarked on a survey voyage to assess the recently-purchased territory of Alaska. Images and tales from local historian Jim Geraghty help us sail aboard one of the first Euro-American vessels to explore Gastineau Channel on a previously unrecorded expedition that occurred years before the founding of Juneau.

Friday, February 18 * 6:30 & 8pm

Paddling the Yukon River: Whitehorse to Dawson by Kayak

Retrace the historic route of the Klondike stampeders with Scott Foster and his brother in 2009 as they paddle their kayaks along 450 miles of the Yukon River from Whitehorse to Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

Friday, February 25 * 6:30 & 8pm

Waving in the Water: Alaska's Seaweeds

Marine biologist and author of the new *SEAWEDS OF ALASKA* field guide Mandy Lindeberg opens the underwater world by teaching the basics of seaweed identification and showing their natural habitat from aerials to macros all across Alaska's coastline.

Friday, March 4 * 6:30pm & 8pm

Measuring Mendenhall: State of the Glacier

Get the latest information on the glacier's mass balance, lake temperature, and lake depth as measured by the University of Alaska Southeast's Environmental Science and Geography program faculty, staff and students. Our most valued partners mapped the seasonal terminus changes of Juneau's favorite glacier and photographed ice calving events.

Friday, March 11 * 6:30pm & 8pm

One Step at a Time: Hiking the Chilkoot Trail

Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park Ranger Kari Rain issues permits to hundreds of hikers eager to follow in the footsteps of 1898's goldseekers. Hear what the Skagway ranger tells them about preparing for the contemporary trek.

Friday, March 18 * 6:30pm & 8pm

Bats in the Backyard: Flyers in the Forest

Karen Blejwas searches the evening sky for the gently flapping wings of bats. Aided by digital bat detectors the Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist listens for echolocation signals. Find out how you can become a bat detective and participate in the search for bats in the Juneau area.

Friday, March 25 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Wilderness Through a Different Lens: Writers and Students on the Water

Students Sarah Donohoe and Andrew Gregovich share experiences from their 2010 US Forest Service Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness internships, and Juneau writer Aleria Jensen reads poems and essays from her "Voices of the Wilderness" artist-in-residence program. <http://www.voicesofthewilderness.blogspot.com/>

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www.mendenhallglacier.net